

EXHIBIT A

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF: CRAWFORDMagisterial District Number: 30-2-01
MDJ: Hon. SAMUEL VINCENT PENDOLINO
Address: 884 DIAMOND PARK
COURTROOM
MEADVILLE PA 16335

Telephone: 814-724-2738

POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
VS.

DEFENDANT:

KOBE

MALIK

(NAME and ADDRESS):
PINKNEYFirst Name Middle Name Last Name
15617 SIR EDWARDS DRIVE
UPPER MARLBORO MD 20772

Gen.

Telephone:

NCIC Extradition Code Type

- ☒ 1-Felony Full ☐ 5-Felony Pend. ☐ C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States ☐ Distance: _____
☐ 2-Felony Ltd. ☐ 6-Felony Pend. Extradition Determ. ☐ D-Misdemeanor No Extradition
☐ 3-Felony Surrounding States ☐ A-Misdemeanor Full ☐ E-Misdemeanor Pending
☐ 4-Felony No Ext. ☐ B-Misdemeanor Limited ☐ F-Misdemeanor Pen. Extra. Determ.

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Docket Number CR-126-19 Date Filed 4-11-19 OTN/LiveScan Number U 697627-0 Complaint/Incident Number 19-0003211 Request Lab Services? YES ☐ NO ☒
 GENDER ☒ Male ☐ Female DOB 8/8/1998 POB Add'l DOB Co-Defendant(s) ☐
 First Name Middle Name Last Name Gen.

RACE ☐ White ☐ Asian ☒ Black ☐ Native American ☐ Unknown
 ETHNICITY ☐ Hispanic ☒ Non-Hispanic ☐ Unknown

HAIR COLOR ☐ GRN (Gray) ☐ RED (Red/Aubn.) ☐ SDY (Sandy) ☐ BLU (Blue) ☐ PLE (Purple) ☐ BRO (Brown)
☒ BLK (Black) ☐ ONG (Orange) ☐ WHI (White) ☐ XXX (Unk/Bald) ☐ GRN (Green) ☐ PNK (Pink)
☐ BLN (Blonde / Strawberry)

EYE COLOR ☐ BLK (Black) ☐ BLU (Blue) ☒ BRO (Brown) ☐ GRN (Green) ☐ GRY (Gray)
☐ HAZ (Hazel) ☐ MAR (Maroon) ☐ PNK (Pink) ☐ MUL (Multicolored) ☐ XXX (Unknown)

DNA ☐ YES ☒ NO DNA Location

FBI Number MNU Number WEIGHT (lbs.) 225

Defendant Fingerprinted: ☐ YES ☒ NO

Fingerprint Classification: FL HEIGHT in. 6 0

DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION

Plate # State Hazmat ☐ Registration Sticker (MM/YY) Comm'l Veh. Ind. ☐ School Veh. ☐ Oth. NCIC Veh. Code Reg. same as Def. ☐
 VIN Year Make Model Style Color

Office of the attorney for the Commonwealth ☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved because:

(The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. See Pa.R.Crim.P. 507.)

(Name of the attorney for the Commonwealth)

(Signature of the attorney for the Commonwealth)

(Date)

I, JARED M FRUM

(Name of the Affiant)

of Meadville City Police Dept.

(Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision)

do hereby state: (check appropriate box)

1. ☒ I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above
☐ I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as

☐ I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname are unknown to me and whom I have
 therefore designated as John Doe or Jane Doe

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at [301] MEADVILLE
 (Subdivision Code) (Place-Political Subdivision)

299 CHESTNUT ST, MEADVILLE PA 16335

in CRAWFORD

County [20] on or about Sunday, 04/07/2019 01:00 to 04/07/2019 01:28
 (County Code) (Offense Date)

35542 / 47

(PSP/MPQETC -Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #)

PA0200100

(Police Agency ORI Number)

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**POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

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| Docket Number: <u>CR-126-19</u> | Date Filed: <u>4-11-19</u> | OTN/LiveScan Number <u>U 697627-0</u> | Complaint/Incident Number 19-0003211 |
| Defendant Name | First: KOBE | Middle: MALIK | Last: PINKNEY |

2. I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the defendant be required to answer the charges I have made.
3. I verify that the facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of Section 4904 of the Crimes Code (18 Pa. C.S. §4904) relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.
4. This complaint consists of the preceding page(s), numbered 1 through 6.
5. I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

The acts committed by the accused, as listed and hereafter, were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and were contrary to the Act(s) of the Assembly, or in violation of the statutes cited.
(Before a warrant of arrest can be issued, an affidavit of probable cause must be completed, sworn to before the issuing authority, and attached.)

4-11-2019 (Date) 2019 (Year) Rum. [Signature] #47 (Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, on this date April 11 2019 I certify that the complaint has been properly completed and verified.

An affidavit of probable cause must be completed before a warrant can be issued.

30-2-01
(Magisterial District Court Number)

[Signature]
(Issuing Authority)

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| Defendant Name | First: KOBE | Middle: MALIK | Last: PINKNEY |

The acts committed by the accused are described below with each Act of Assembly or statute allegedly violated, if appropriate. When there is more than one offense, each offense should be numbered chronologically.
(Set forth a brief summary of the facts sufficient to advise the defendant of the nature of the offense(s) charged. A citation to the statute(s) allegedly violated, without more, is not sufficient. In a summary case, you must cite the specific section(s) and subsection(s) of the statute(s) or ordinance(s) allegedly violated.)

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| Inchoate Offense | <input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A | <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A | <input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903 | Number of Victims Age 60 or Older 0 | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 | 2702 | A1 | of the | Title 18 | 1 | F1 | 04 | |
| Lead? | Offense# | Section | Subsection | PA Statute (Title) | Counts | Grade | NCIC Offense Code | UCR/NIBRS Code |
| PennDOT Data (if applicable) | Accident Number | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Interstate | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone | | |
| Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): AGGRAVATED ASSAULT-GENERAL | | | | | | | | |
| Acts of the accused associated with this Offense: | | | | | | | | |

Aggravated Assault

Explanation: Causes or attempts serious bodily injury under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life. Not a mandatory case under 42 Pa.C.S.A. 9712. Citation: 18 Pa.C.S.A. 2702(a)(1); Grade: F1; Penalty: 20yrs./\$25,000; Mandatory Sentence?: N

TEXT: THE DEFENDANT DID, on or about April 7, 2019, attempt to cause serious bodily injury to another, or causes such injury intentionally, knowingly or recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, TO WIT: Defendant did punch the victim, Rhet Happel, in the left side of the face causing extensive injuries that required emergency surgery. This act did occur at 299 Chestnut inside the City of Meadville.

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| Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): SIMPLE ASSAULT-GENERAL | | | | | | | | |
| Acts of the accused associated with this Offense: | | | | | | | | |

Simple Assault

Explanation: Attempts or causes bodily injury. Charge this offense when the crime is not one of "mutual combat." Citation: 18 Pa.C.S.A. 2701(a)(1); Grade: M2; Penalty: 2yrs./\$5,000; Mandatory Sentence?: N

TEXT: THE DEFENDANT DID, on or about April 7, 2019, attempt to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly caused bodily injury to another, TO WIT: Defendant did punch the victim, Rhet Happel, in the left side of the face causing extensive injuries that required emergency surgery. This act did occur at 299 Chestnut Street inside the City of Meadville.

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**POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

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| Docket Number: CR-126-19 | Date Filed: 4-11-19 | OTN/LiveScan Number 2469 7627-0 | Complaint/Incident Number 19-0003211 |
| Defendant Name | First: KOBE | Middle: MALIK | Last: PINKNEY |
| Inchoate Offense | <input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A | <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A | <input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903 |
| Number of Victims Age 60 or Older 0 | | | |
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| | | | Counts |
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| | | | UCR/NIBRS Code |
| PennDOT Data (if applicable) | Accident Number | <input type="checkbox"/> Interstate <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone | |
| Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): HARRASSMENT/ PHYSICAL STRIKE KICK | | | |
| Acts of the accused associated with this Offense: | | | |

Harassment Explanation: Strikes, shoves, kicks or otherwise subjects him to physical contact, or attempts or threatens to do the same. Eff. 6/23/93. Act 28 of 1993, signed 6/23/93. Citation: 18 Pa.C.S.A. 2709(a)(1); Grade: S; Penalty: 90days/\$300; Mandatory Sentence?: N

TEXT: THE DEFENDANT DID, on or about April 7, 2019, with intent to harass, annoy or alarm another person, strike, shove, kick or otherwise subject another person to physical contact, or the defendant attempted or threatened to do the same, TO WIT: Defendant did punch the victim, Rhet Happel, in the left side of the face causing extensive injuries that required emergency surgery. This act did occur at 299 Chestnut Street inside the City of Meadville.

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| | | | | UCR/NIBRS Code |
| PennDOT Data (if applicable) | Accident Number | <input type="checkbox"/> Interstate <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone | | |
| Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): DISORDERLY CONDUCT-FIGHTING/THREATENING VIOL BEH | | | | |
| Acts of the accused associated with this Offense: | | | | |

Disorderly Conduct

Explanation: Summary offense. Engages in fighting or threatening, or in violent or tumultuous behavior. Citation: 18 Pa.C.S.A. 5503(a)(1); Grade: S; Penalty: 90days/\$300; Mandatory Sentence?: N

TEXT: THE DEFENDANT DID, on or about April 7, 2019, with the intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, the defendant engaged in fighting or threatening, or in violent or tumultuous behavior, TO WIT: Defendant did punch the victim, Rhet Happel, in the left side of the face causing extensive injuries that required emergency surgery. This act did occur at 299 Chestnut Street inside the City of Meadville.

EXHIBIT B

McDonald's Receipt

McDonald's

Meadville, PA

\$16.91

Apr 7 at 1:00 AM

EXHIBIT C

Allegheny College Access Log

4/24/2019

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Allegheny College

Access Log

Date: 4/19/2019 Time: 1:55:46PM

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EXHIBIT D

April 15, 2019 Press Release on behalf of Plaintiff

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PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103
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April 15, 2019

Mr. Keith Gushard
The Meadville Tribune
947 Federal Street
Meadville, PA 16355

Re: Allegheny Student Faces Assault Charges
Commonwealth v. Kobe Malik Pinkney, MJ-30201-CR-0000126-2019

Dear Mr. Gushard:

I represent Kobe Malik Pinkney, who is charged with Aggravated Assault, for allegedly punching seventeen year old Rhett Happel unconscious and collapsing the left side of his face at Julian's Bar and Grill in the wee morning hours of April 7, 2018. On behalf of Mr. Pinkney, I would like to respond to your article "Allegheny Student Faces Assault Charges."

Contrary to your reporting about the incident, Kobe Pinkney was not the assailant, and is an innocent victim of a mis-identification, stemming from a suggestive identification process.

The victim does not recall the incident, and the lone witness to the incident described the assailant as an African-American male wearing braids. Based on this description, three days after the incident, one of the persons who helped the Mr.

Happel, in the bathroom, Evan Haines, produced a photograph depicting two individuals, Jared Shaw who was apparently at the scene of the incident, along with Mr. Pinkney, apparently standing together. Mr. Pinkney and Mr. Shaw are teammates on the Allegheny football team. Upon being shown the photograph of Mr. Pinkney and Mr. Shaw, the witness identified Mr. Pinkney as the assailant, resulting in his arrest.

Contrary to the physical description given by the so called eyewitness, Mr. Pinkney does not and never has worn braids. Also Mr. Pinkney has an airtight alibi, wherein he has never set foot in Julian's bar, because he is 20 years old, and, therefore, underage, and instead was at the Theta Chi frat party, coincident with the time of the incident, which can be corroborated by a number of witnesses who were at the party.

Clearly, Mr. Pinkney was misidentified because he was observed by the eyewitness in the photograph with Jared Shaw, who was at the scene of the assault. Upon investigation, it has come to our attention that the person who assaulted the victim is a friend of Mr. Shaw's from Syracuse, New York, who is African-American does have braids, and was with Mr. Shaw at Julian's.

Mr. Pinkney's arrest was arrested simply because he was in a picture with a bystander at the incident. This travesty of justice has completely derailed his promising future, as a college scholarship athlete, and in the short term has disrupted the quality of life. Both his cell phone and meal ticket have been confiscated, affording him limited communication with his family in Maryland. This young man, who as you noted volunteers in the Meadville community as a tax preparer for low income people, deserves better.

On behalf of Mr. Pinkney, I ask that your coverage of this case be balanced and fair.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Earl Raynor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Earl Raynor, Esquire

EXHIBIT E

April 15, 2019 Meadville Tribune Article of Defendant Keith Gushard

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/alleggheny-student-faces-assault-charges/article_9d6e9fc0-5f21-11e9-bea3-2f73b87a93bb.html

Allegheny student faces assault charges

By Keith Gushard Apr 15, 2019



A Maryland man is facing charges that he hit another man in the face so hard the victim had to have emergency surgery requiring three plates and 15 pins in the left side of his face.

Kobe M. Pinkney, 20, of 15617 Sir Edwards Drive, Upper Marlboro, has a preliminary hearing scheduled later this month on Meadville Police Department charges of aggravated assault, simple assault, harassment and disorderly conduct.

Pinkney punched the man in the face sometime between 1 and 1:28 a.m. April 7 at Julian's Bar & Grill for allegedly drugging a female, but the victim "was wrongfully being accused," according to court documents.

On Wednesday, police interviewed a witness at the Allegheny College Public Safety building, who stated the assault took place in the bathroom line at the restaurant, the arrest affidavit said.

Pinkney, a junior at Allegheny, was a running back on the college's 2018 football team. This spring, he has served as one of 30 Allegheny student volunteers at the Meadville Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program that offers the public free tax preparation.

The witness said Pinkney walked up to the man, tapped him on the shoulder and, when he turned around, he was punched once by Pinkney, who then walked away, according to the affidavit.

The victim was taken to Meadville Medical Center for treatment, but later transferred to UPMC Hamot in Erie, the affidavit said. The victim's mother told police that he had to have emergency surgery requiring three plates and 15 pins to repair the left side of his face, according to the affidavit.

Pinkney was arraigned Thursday before Magisterial District Judge Samuel Pendolino on the charges and placed in the Crawford County jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail. He was able to post bond on Thursday, according to online jail records.

A preliminary hearing for Pinkney is scheduled April 25 before Pendolino.

Keith Gushard can be reached at 724-6370 or by email at kgushard@meadvilletribune.com.

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Nikola_Matic

Apr 15, 2019

Depends if the man was actually trying to drug a female.. if he was then I applaud Pinkneys actions... if not then he will have to face discipline. You can't knock people out without substantial evidence.

Like Reply

EXHIBIT F

Affidavit of Jake Reidenbach

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

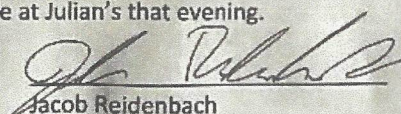
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Crawford

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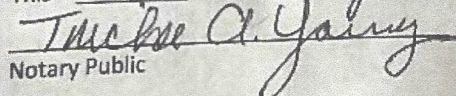
Before me, the undersigned notary public, this day personally
appeared Brian Hill, to me known, who duly sworn according to law, deposes and
says as follows:

1. In the morning hours of of April 7, 2019, sometime past midnight going on
1 am, I was outside of Julian's Bar, located at 299 Chestnut Street, Meadville,
Pennsylvania, when I saw a group of males come out of the Bar.
2. Shortly after the first group came out, I saw another group of males come
out of the bar holding up a male who appeared to be injured.
3. I saw one of the males from the second group yell who "F'ing did this to
him."
4. Immediately thereafter a male emerged from the first group, who said I hit
him, and I'll hit all of you.
5. The male who admitted to hitting the injured man, and threatening the rest
of his group, was an African-American male, wearing braids, who I recognized as
Josiah Williams, a former football player at St. Francis.
6. At no time did I see Kobe Pinkney while at Julian's that evening.


Jacob Reidenbach

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 9 day of May, 2019


Notary Public

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
NOTARIAL SEAL
Triche A. Young, Notary Public
City of Meadville, Crawford County
My Commission Expires June 14, 2020
MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES

On Wed, May 8, 2019 at 11:15 AM Earl Raynor <earlraynor@yahoo.com> wrote:


EXHIBIT G

Affidavit of Rosslin Watson

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA :
 : SS
COUNTY OF _____ :

Before me, the undersigned notary public, this day personally appeared Roslin Watson, to me known, who duly sworn according to law, deposes and says as follows:

1. I am a student at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania.
2. On the night of April 6, 2019, I drove to the Theta Chi fraternity house, located at North Main Street and Allegheny, with fellow students, Kobe Pinkney and Brianna Kenney King, between 11:00 pm and 11:30 pm.
3. The three of us remained on campus until 1:00 am, when as a group we decided to go to McDonald's.
4. We arrived back to campus around 1:30 am.
5. I can attest that during that time none of us went to Julian's Bar, located at 299 Chestnut Street, Meadville, Pennsylvania.
6. I can also attest that Kobe Pinkney did not hit or fight anyone, while we were together.


Roslin Watson

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 7 day of May 2019

Notary Public

EXHIBIT H

5/16/2019 Meadville Tribune Article Written by Defendant Keith Gushard

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/charges-withdrawn-against-alleggheny-student/article_1e65ac36-774b-11e9-9b25-27b14c1f4f3e.html

Charges withdrawn against Allegheny student

By Keith Gushard Meadville Tribune May 16, 2019



Charges have been withdrawn against a Maryland man accused of punching another man so hard in the face last month that the victim needed emergency surgery requiring three plates and 15 pins in the mans's face.

Charges of aggravated assault, simple assault, harassment and disorderly conduct were withdrawn Tuesday against Kobe M. Pinkney, 20, of 15617 Sir Edwards Drive, Upper Marlboro.

Meadville Police Department filed those charges against Pinkney on April 11 for allegedly striking a man in the face sometime between 1 a.m. and 1:28 a.m. April 7 at Julian's Bar & Grill.

According to court documents, Pinkney hit the man outside the restaurant's bathrooms for allegedly drugging a female, but the man "was wrongfully being accused."

According to the arrest affidavit, a witness said Pinkney walked up to the man who was standing in line for the bathroom at the restaurant. Pinkney then tapped the man on the shoulder and, when he turned around, he was punched once by Pinkney, who then walked away, the affidavit said.

The affidavit said victim was taken to Meadville Medical Center for treatment, but later transferred to UPMC Hamot in Erie.

The affidavit said the victim's mother told police that he had to have emergency surgery requiring three plates and 15 pins to repair the injuries to the left side of his face.

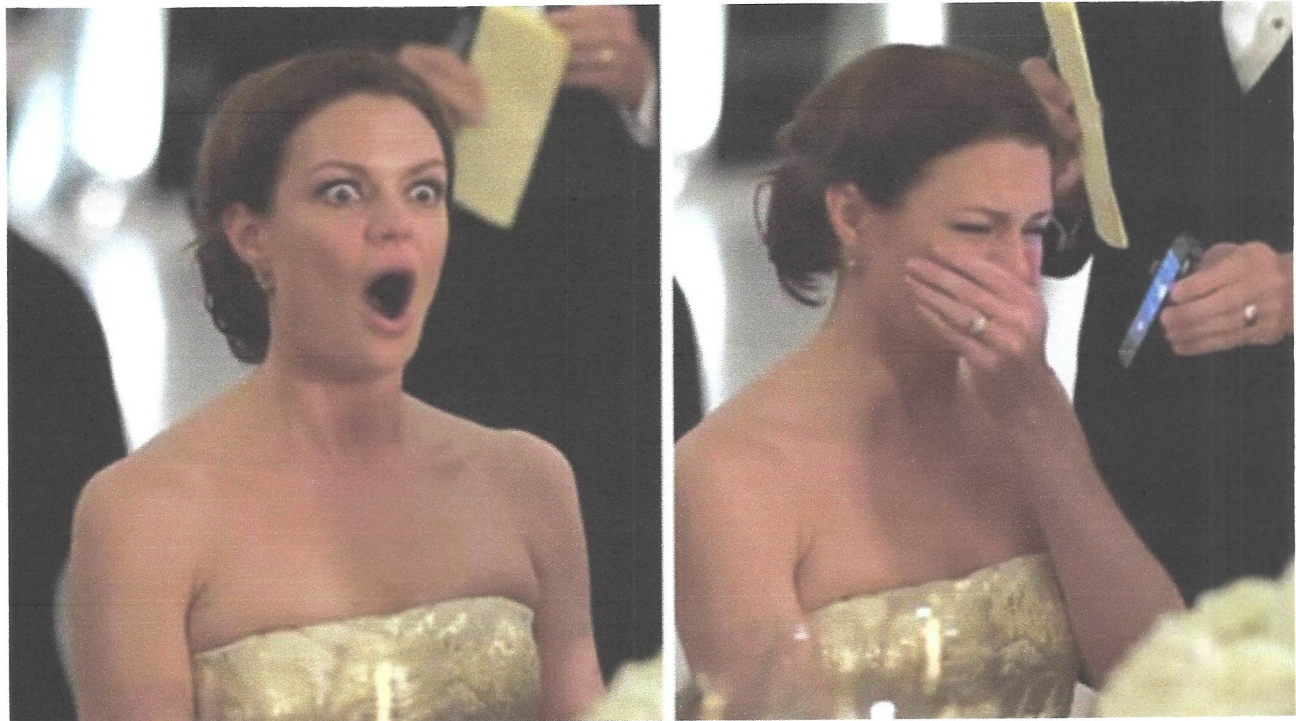
On Wednesday, Paula DiGiacomo, first assistant district attorney for Crawford County, said the charges against Pinkney were withdrawn "until the rest of the case can be investigated."

"Yes," DiGiacomo said when asked if Pinkney still was a suspect.

DiGiacomo declined further comment when asked if that meant charges may be refiled against Pinkney and additional people.

Pinkney, a junior at Allegheny, was a running back on the college's 2018 football team. This spring, he has served as one of 30 Allegheny student volunteers at the Meadville Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program that offers the public free tax preparation.

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